

CHURCHES



149th FAIR AT DUXBURY CHURCH

Duxbury's First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church fair, which claims to be the oldest continuing church fair in the country, will hold its 149th edition Saturday.

The fair will have the usual white elephant table, an antique and furniture auction, a plant table, and refreshments, including burgers from the grill and strawberry shortcake. For children, there will be pony rides, a moon walk, face painting, crafts, and games.

The First Parish Church was founded in 1632. Among the founders was John Alden. A leading church elder in the early years was William Brewster.

According to the church's records, a group known as the "Ladies Association" organized a fair in 1851 to raise money for the purchase of an organ. The fair, which has been held every year since, is still the primary fund-raising event for the church.

The fair is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be held on the church grounds, 842 Tremont St. (Route 3A). The rain date is the following day.